Youth-Adult Council 1/14/2008 Meeting Summary

Present: Ken Freidenberg, Tim Manke, Debbie Barnicle, Sarah Lauretti, Jeananne McMahon, Nick Grondin, Billy Pollack, Chris Manke, Nick Lattaralo, Karen Futoma, Pam Raynock, Dan Cronin, Chris Bannak, Kevin Borrup

Handouts: 12/10/07 Meeting Summary; Agenda; Human Services monthly report; 6FI Education Sheet

I. Call to Order

Introductions around the table

II. Approval of 12/10/07 Meeting Summary

Approved by unanimous consent

III. Super Hoop-La, March 7, Snow date March 14

-Prior to the regular YAC meeting the Hoopla sub committee met to plan. We had a general discussion of our plans and needs. A copy of the notes from that meeting is attached.

IV. Community Conversations grant

-Ken reported that the first meeting of the planning group will be on January 16th at the Senior and Disabled Center.

V. Six Feet of Influence – 6FI

- -A subcommittee met on January 8, 2008 to discuss ways to continue our efforts to bring the idea of 6FI to the community.
- there was some discussion about changing our write up to include what to do situations -generally we decided to focus our efforts in two areas
 - At the Extravaganza sponsor a tree where people can attach a tag with an anti-bullying message or some way they will use 6FI.
 - -we will need people to man the booth
 - -a tree (hopefully donated)
 - Use October as Anti Bullying month and ask for a Council Proclamation. During that month we purchase books with an anti bullying message for classes in the elementary schools
 - -try to get Middle / High School kids to go to the Elementary classes to read the stories.
 - see if the 6FI club at Wallace could work up a sock puppet show to be shown on Channel 14 and at the Extravaganza

VI. Joint Committee on Community Safety

- -The committee meets next on January 17, 2008
- The concept of Walkable Newington was shared with the Council.

VII. Reports

- -Human Services Department- See report
- -Town Council business as usual, Charter revision, and budget

High School – concerts band and chorus, course selections are being made on line, mid terms, winter sports have begun

-Board of Ed. budget presentation and cycle beings

VIII. New Business

- -SADD is working on a program to correspond with Prom Season
- CASAC grant No Buts About It is Scheduled for the Middle Schools in February
- -YAC TV show- we discussed some topics for TV shows. Among them were Bullying, and My Space / internet safety

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention – Children's Trust Fund is looking some group to sponsor a program. Ken will see if there is interest with the police.

Ginger Katz – she is offering a program for parents of students entering college to prepare the parents for what to expect. Ken will get more information and we can see if we can tie such a program into the programs the High School offers dealing with the college search and financial aid.

IX. Adjourned

Submitted By:

Tim Manke